GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
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SURVEY OF TALCHER-GOPALPUR RAIL LINE
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the survey of new rail line from Talcher to Gopalpur in Orissa has been completed;

(b) if so, the outcome of the traffic survey;

(c) whether the Government have a proposal to take up the construction of that proposed line during Tenth Plan; and

(d) if so, the steps taken in that regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA)

(a) to (d): The survey conducted in 2001−02 for Talcher−Gopalpur New Line project hasrevealed that the cost of construction of this 293-km long line would be about Rs. 863.21 crore with a non-remunerative rate of return. In view of the on-going doubling work of Talcher−Cuttack−Paradeep section, the construction of this line is not considered justifiable from traffic point of view. In view of above and resource constraints, it has not been considered feasible to take up the construction of this new line.